

To: gaetestimony@cga.ct.gov

March 3, 2022

Elizabeth Quattrochi, Oppose

23 Old Kings Road

Avon, CT 06001

I, Elizabeth Quattrochi,

Hereby strongly oppose SB184 and HB5262. The strongest reason is the loss of privacy of the voter. Even if the ballot arrives in the hands of its intended recipient, the voter is subject to the influence of others. The isolation of the voting booth, under the watchful eye of poll watchers, was designed to keep votes confidential.

In 2020, I obtained an absentee ballot for a family member due to a disability. I thought it would be difficult but it really was easy. I myself went to the polls to vote wearing my mask.

Do not change the Constitution for the sake of convenience. I am surprised that able bodied people do not desire to cast their vote in person. It's the safest way to make sure your vote counts. My thanks to those of you who register at least 3 days ahead of election day and show up with a valid ID at a polling booth. It builds trust in our elections, and is an act of patriotism.

I am surprised, too, that legislators are making these changes knowing how absentee ballots can be hijacked or manipulated.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Quattrochi